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SANITARY BOARD.

Mr. R. O. Hutchinson presided over a meeting of the Sanitary Board on Tuesday afternoon when there were present Hon. Mr. W. Chalmers, Colonel Bedford, Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewitt, Hon. Mr. A. W. Brewin, Mr. A. Shelton Hooper, Dr. G. H. L. Fitzwilliams, Mr. Ho Kom Tong, Dr. F. Clark, Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Pearce, Assistant Medical Officer of Health, and Mr. W. Bowen-Rowlands, secretary.

THE CEMETERY QUESTION.

When the matter of the want of space in Mount Caroline cemetery came up for discussion the Hon. Mr. A. W. Brewin asked:—Is it not possible to make use of some other sections in the meantime?

The President—Section B has already been made into a free burial place, and we now have to use section C, but there is not very much space there. It might be possible, however, that without exhumation the Public Works should make some terraces down there.

Mr. Shelton Hooper—I couldn't quite understand the minute of Mr. Lau Chu Pak; would you mind reading it again?

The President—The poor Chinese are made to suffer.

Mr. Shelton Hooper—How do they suffer?

Mr. Ho Kom Tong—The poor Chinese have to carry the coffins to the other end of the city.

Mr. Shelton Hooper—How far is that?

Mr. Ho Kom Tong—About eight miles.

Mr. Shelton Hooper—Who pays for that?

Mr. Ho Kom Tong—The poor people have to pay themselves.

Mr. Shelton Hooper—Don't the Tung Wah Hospital pay for that?

Mr. Ho Kom Tong—No.

The President—I don't think the point is so serious as Mr. Lau Chu Pak makes out, because before people from the west went to the Mount Caroline Cemetery, which is further west, the Chinese proper is not a general rule rather than an exception that people have to carry their dead several miles for interment?

Mr. Ho Kom Tong—They have not to carry them very far, and there they pay about \$3 expenses, as against from \$10 to \$15 here.

Hon. Mr. Brewin—How many burials are there a week in the free section of Mount Caroline?

Dr. Clark—The average interments from January 1st to April 1st, 1909, work out at 40 per month, while from the 1st January one year to the 1st of the next year they work out at 57 per month. I was going to suggest that it might not be unreasonable to allow all bodies coming from Tai Hang and Wongneiching to be buried in section C.

It all bodies from the eastern part of the city were allowed to be buried in section C, it would not last two months, then we should be in greater difficulty than at the present moment.

Hon. Mr. Chalmers—In consequence of the Medical Officer of Health's minute, which came to me in the ordinary course, I have had an inspection made of the cemetery, and I found an area which would suffice to carry the burials of section A.

I have that that area should be utilised for the purpose of interments.

Mr. Hooper seconded the motion, which was agreed to.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

Colonel Bedford gave notice of motion for the next meeting that the Board appoint a committee to enquire into the material state of the locality surrounding Lyceum Terrace, brought about by action not within the purview of the Military.

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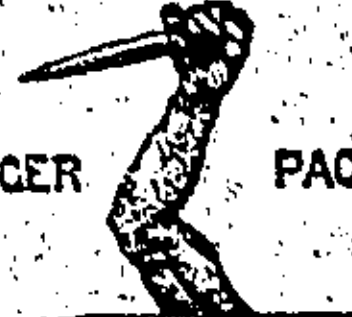
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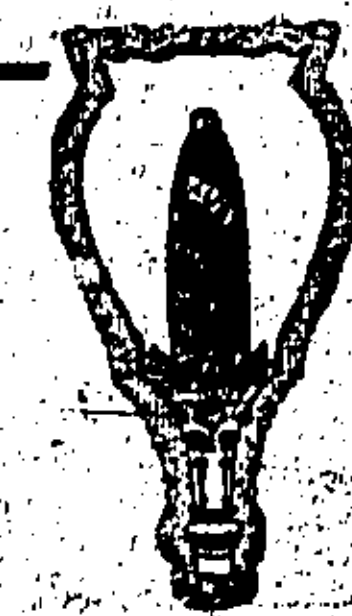
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THE POSITION OF MACAO.

(From Our Own Correspondent).

MACAO, April 28.
The condition of Macao is perilous; it
may become tragic if the Powers that be
fail to realize that issues of incalculable
moment are at stake, and allow the Colony,
in their happy-go-lucky policy, to drift
with full sails towards its doom. Within
a brief span of time this luckless colony has
been bereft of her principal sources of re-
venue and unless the Octopus may be
induced to relax its high handed pressure,
it will very soon be touch-and-go with
one of the last remaining mainstays of
Macao, the Opium monopoly. No provision
was made in the Opium Contract for a
contingency like the one which four months
ago barred the sole outlet for the export
of the drug from this end, and the con-
sequential advances of the Opium farmer
have been met with the grim obstinacy
which has ever marked the grasping
instincts of an omnivorous vampire.
Never in the past has the provincial
exchequer been in such dire straits, nor
have our municipal coffers been so empty.
How long may the long-suffering courtesy
of the Bank be reckoned with? Work in
the Public Works Department is at a
standstill, not to mention the fact that a
goodly number of hands have gone on
French leave to fresh fields over the way,
allured by more substantial offers at the
budding Port of Heung Chow.

As yet, there is not a scintilla of tangible
evidence that the proposal relative to the
harbour improvements of this, the draft
scheme for the diversion of the railway to all
the branches of local administration, which
have been forwarded for approval, have
gone beyond their manuscript stage, grant-
ing that they have not already been
surrendered to their final resting-
place in the Colonial Cemetery. As our
ministerial shelves have been fully crammed
with the proposals for the improvement of
Macao in its various aspects, the influence
of the latest Chinese enterprise, Howbeit,
though at first sight the project may appear
ephemeral from the contending odds which
it is offered by the peculiar nature of the
"creaky" scheme of "uncertainty" forced
upon us by the "conviction" that the
Chinese are the last people in the world
to risk millions on a foolhardy venture
merely to spite blind Portuguese tenacity.
But however problematical be the future
of Heung Chow, it is for all another spoke
in the wheel. All the goodwill and
strenuous endeavours of our Governor, Sr.
Rocando, to weld into friendly alliance the
conflicting forces which were undermining
the vitality of the Colony, have apparently
gone face to face with a stone wall and the
natives here seem to have come to the end
of their tether.

The *Vida Nova* has sounded the note of
alarm and rises to the occasion with a
vengeance. There is a strain of chivalry
in the style in which it has hurled its
mailed glove in challenge of strife at the
mandarin of Macao, Sr. Marques Pereira,
and in the bold frontal attack levelled
against the Home Government for their
cynical apathy regarding one of the most
valuable colonial assets of Portugal. It is
forty years to a day since Sr. Pereira
quitted these shores for good and all-
and in four decades things change.
They have changed, in fact, as all
things change here below, yea all,
but the time-worn notions of Sr. Pereira,
which seem to be potentially blessed with
time-proof immutability, about abiding
conditions in China and the idiosyncrasies
of the Chinese people. No wonder Lisbon
is being twitted for the implicit reliance it
has always placed in the counsels of the
worthy pseudo-champion and obsolete ally
of Macao whose shoulders are not weighted
with the onus of the blame for the run-
ning dismal trend of affairs, let alone the
proverbial inertia and pitiable "nescience"
inherent in the motherly concern of the
Metropolis.

At a critical juncture like the present,
one cannot afford to be too mighty
quiescent about taking a recalcitrant body
of responsible men to task for their wanton
disregard of a Colony's rightful claims.
Macao is on her last legs and our leading
Statesmen are making clamorous appeal for
prompt vigorous action. It behoves all
those who have the welfare of the Colony
at heart, to rally enthusiastically to the
summons. The day for moping matters
is gone for ever and aye. Drastic
steps must be taken to avert impending
disaster in a body and cast a formal
and public protest in the teeth of an
obdurate Home Government in the call
of Duty at the eleventh hour. And
was he into the cause of Macao if her
children fail to respond to this call, deter-
mining one and all to die in the last ditch.
If they do not stand together how they
shall be irretrievably lost!

Among the prime movers in the mass
meeting that is being footed are Comman-
der A. P. Basto, Dr. Luis Molero and Dr.
Silva Mendes. The Club de Macao has
been selected for the gathering which takes
place on Thursday next the 29th inst.

A happy effect of the appearance in the
Wah 7 of the Chinese version of
an article published by the *Vida Nova*—
the Macao delimitation was the "request
made" by the local leaders of the Self-
Government Society for a supply of all the
last numbers as well as future issues of
the paper. It is to be hoped that this
step may tend to lighten the responsible
burden of the anti-Portuguese movement as
to the real facts in the much vexed
question.

While on the subject it is perhaps not
generally known that on the conclusion of
the Treaty of 1887 at Peking, the late Li
Hing Chang suggested to Minister de
Souza Borel that the opportunity be
evaluated of to tackle the delimitation
affair, but the kind offer was declined
on the plea of an urgent call elsewhere.
Talk of making hay while the sun
shines! And now the matters are within
settling distance, no one can tell where
the Portuguese Commissioner, General
Machado, is. Minister Kuo Zeh Olin
has had ample time to run-up to Shanghai
on private affairs, and on his return to
Beijing, he proceeded to Canton, to
interview Doctor Yen and Wu. It seems
from say-so that the official trio purport
calling at Macao.

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PRINCE FUSHIMI IN Peking.

(Wah Tat Po's Service.)

Peking, April 27.

The Prince Regent has had a lengthy interview with Prince Fushimi of Japan.

[Note.—Prince Fushimi has gone to Peking to attend the funeral of the late Emperor of China.—Ed., C.M.]

ECONOMY.

(Wah Tat Po's Service.)

Peking, April 28.

The Government has decided to abolish the post of Tartar General in the various provinces.

A NEW APPOINTMENT.

(Wah Tat Po's Service.)

Peking, April 28.

H. E. Wang Tai Si, who once held the appointment of Minister to the Court of St. James, has just returned to Peking after a tour in which he investigated the constitutional systems of Europe and America. He is to be appointed Senior Vice-President of the Board of Civil Establishment.

TO FINANCE CHINA'S NAVY.

(Wah Tat Po's Service.)

Peking, April 27.

H. E. Chu Shi-chong arrived at Peking yesterday and will take up his new post as President of the Board of Communications. The Prince Regent intends to consult with him as to the advisability of appropriating the reserve funds of the Board for the reorganisation of the Navy.

FINANCIAL REFORM.

(Wah Tat Po's Service.)

Peking, April 27.

The Board of Finance has asked that all provincial Treasurers be given the title of Vice-Presidents of the Board, so that they can communicate direct with the Board instead of through the Provincial governments.

A BILL OF EXCHANGE CASE.

In the Supreme Court, to-day, before the Chief Justice (Sir Francis Pigott), the International Banking Corporation brought a claim against the Tong Hing Shing Firm, of 249, Des Vaux Road Central, as acceptors of a bill of exchange for \$3,000, dated 1st December, 1938, drawn by the Kwong Man Tai Wong Wai Chi, payable to plaintiffs 15 days after acceptance. They claimed \$3,000 and expenses. The statement of claim was to the effect that on Jan. 4th, 1939, the plaintiffs presented the bill to the defendants for payment, and defendants refused to pay the sum. The bill was thereupon duly noted and protested for non-payment.

The defendants entered a defence denying that at any time they had accepted the bill of exchange. The document presented was not a bill of exchange, inasmuch as it did not comply with the conditions of the Bills of Exchange Ordinance, 1885.

The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K. C., instructed by Messrs Wilkinson and Grist, appeared for plaintiffs, while defendants did not appear.

Mr. Pollock said he was prepared to formally prove the allegations in the statement of claim.

His Lordship—I thought the defence raised a question of law.

Mr. Pollock—The only point they raised substantially was that they denied that this was a bill of exchange. Mr. Pollock proceeded to quote from the translation of the document, saying after payment had been made the original bill was to be delivered up. The document was made out in two bills, and the one in question was headed "First Bill of Exchange." He could call evidence to show that this was a common form.

His Lordship—I don't know that I have to take any note of that point. They have raised their defence.

Mr. Pollock—Yes, my lord, and they have not appeared to sustain it.

The Assistant Comptroller of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank said he should regard the document as a bill of exchange. The Chinese word "cited," translated in the bill, meant that it was accepted.

His Lordship—I cannot help suggesting that the Banks might invent Chinese forms for Chinese customers that would be a little more in accordance with the English forms.

It would save all the difficulties that might be raised. If the Banks would do that it would be very convenient for all parties.

Mr. Pollock—It would, my lord; practically a translation of the English form.

His Lordship—And the Chinese could put in anything they liked.

After hearing further evidence, his Lordship gave judgment for the full amount claimed, with costs.

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PRISONER'S ESCAPE AND RECAPTURE.

The native who was sentenced to two months' hard labour and six hours' stocks at the Magistracy on Tuesday, made his escape from the waiting room while in the charge of a Chinese constable, and six hours later was arrested by a native Excise officer. When arrested prisoner had a clock under his arm, which he was suspected of having stolen, and on being brought before Mr. F. A. Hasland to-day, a like sentence was imposed for the second offence.

PHILHARMONIC CONCERT.

It has ever been the experience of the followers of the arts and accomplishments which adorn and amplify the social life that the flashy and meretricious can be relied upon to attract a crowd; the higher types of fine art which call into play the more cultivated emotions are left for the enjoyment of the few. If the groundlings are satisfied, however, why should the other class concern themselves with the deplorably shocking display of bad taste so naively exhibited by the all-unconscious crowd? Each can go on its way without interfering with the other and the net result is happiness all round. Hongkong is no exception to the general rule set out above. Monday saw the Theatre Royal packed with an enthusiastic crowd hugely delighted with every item on a vaudeville programme; on Tuesday evening there gathered in St. George's Hall a small company of music lovers who thoroughly enjoyed the dainty fare presented for their delectation by the Hongkong Philharmonic Society. Both evenings were typically representative; and that is all that need be said about it.

Compared with the concert which opened the Philharmonic season, the programme on Tuesday suffers somewhat in its general appeal. The opening chorus, ever welcome in Hongkong, "Who is Sylvia," was characterised by the assured precision which long familiarity brings in its train, the attack being good, the interest sustained right through. Then came a set of songs, the composition of Mrs. Grove (of Canton) whose rendering by Mr. Frank Grove evoked a most rare bouquet. They ranged from the melancholic musings of a sixteenth century poet, to the passionate raptures of Heine, but the one which pleased us best of all was that entitled "When Gretchen sings." This was a gem fit to adorn the most ambitious song cycle and the lilt of its haunting cadences still lingers in the ear of memory. When the set finished Mr. and Mrs. Grove were rapturously recalled and in response to an insistent encore Mr. Grove sang another composition from his wife's gifted pen, a very musical setting of Browning's triumphant poem:

God's in His heaven,
All's right with the world.

The next item, an unaccompanied "Lullaby" (Smar), brought out Miss Seth, Miss Glover, Mr. E. B. Ayris, Rev. A. B. Thornhill, and Mr. C. E. H. Davis. This was expressly sung, the ladies acquitting themselves well. Of the piano solos by Mrs. Grove—Nocturne, Op. 37, No. 1 (Chopin), and Spinning Song (Wagner, Lust)—the former proved the more acceptable to the majority of her hearers, but both showed what an accomplished executant she is. Of course a recalled followed. The first part of the programme concluded with Tchaikovsky's "Ichabod," which is written around Vishaw's despairing verses. Mr. Denman Fuller had arranged this as a chorus from the original five-part song and he is to be congratulated upon the manner in which his singers interpreted the Russian words wedged so very cleverly to the Celtic glooms.

A Song Cycle, "On Jehlum River" (Woodford-Finden); and "The Wreck of the Hesperus" (Hamish MacCunn) filled the second part. Mrs. E. G. Barrett, who was in beautiful voice, and the Rev. Mr. Longridge took the parts of Ashoo and Souabana in the Song Cycle, and needless to say they did full justice to the varying merits of the composition. "Ashoo at her lattice," by Mrs. Barrett, and "Only a rose," by Mr. Longridge, pleased the most out of the six vocal items and they had to be repeated at the close. But Mr. Denman Fuller had kept his "best wine" to the last. This was the "Wreck of the Hesperus," one of the most dramatic compositions which Hamish MacCunn has produced. The orchestration, a very musically piece of work, was done by Mr. Denman Fuller, and so well he blended the music of the voices with the music for the orchestra, and so well he trained his material that the audience were completely carried off their feet. It was a veritable triumph for all concerned. When next cold weather comes round again the Hongkong Philharmonic Society should place the "Wreck of the Hesperus" on an early programme; of its welcome reception there can be little doubt.

It only remains to say that on this occasion the choral members of the Philharmonic Society taking part included: Soprano:—Miss Baker, Mrs. E. G. Barrett, Mrs. Bellamy Brown, Mrs. Braidwood, Miss Chapman, Mrs. Cleland, Mrs. Egan-Jones, Miss Hance, Miss Hayward, Miss Nicholson, Mrs. R. T. D. Taylor, Miss Seth, Mrs. Morton Smith, Mrs. Young, Alice; Mrs. Aitken, Mrs. Bishop, Mrs. W. A. Dowley, Miss Glover, Mrs. Goldsmith, Mrs. Ricketts, Miss Tennant. Tenors:—Mr. E. B. Ayris, Mr. A. S. Kennerly, Mr. W. W. Matthews, Mr. A. E. Nairn, Mr. S. F. Ricketts, Mr. R. W. Wharriest, Mr. J. W. White. Basses:—Mr. W. Armstrong, Mr. E. G. Barrett, Mr. E. H. Beavis, Mr. F. K. Browning, Mr. A. Chapman, R. A., Mr. F. L. Gedge, Mr. E. M. Hayward, Rev. Mr. Longridge, M. A., Mr. W. L. Patterson, Mr. G. Morton Smith, Comdr. Basil Taylor, R. N., Mr. J. W. Taylor, Rev. A. B. Thornhill, M. A., Mr. A. E. Wright, and Mr. J. Young.

The Orchestra were:—First Violins:—Mr. F. C. Barlow, Mr. S. Machado, Mr. G. A. P. Xavier. Second Violins:—Mr. G. G. Catelick, Mr. J. M. S. Rosario, Mr. P. J. Souza, Mr. A. Silva. Viola:—Mr. A. S. Kennerly. Cello:—Mr. P. A. Rosario. Double Bass:—Mr. F. Fernandez. Flute:—Mr. J. D. Omond. Oboe:—Mr. W. Anderson. Clarinet:—Mr. V. Lobe. Trumpet:—Mr. L. Fernandez. Timpani:—Mr. F. M. Crawford.

The accompanist was Miss Brotherton Fuller, F.R.C.O., L.R.A.M.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

AN OPEN LETTER.

Sir,—I understand that the "Open Letter" published in the Portuguese newspapers *Folha Nova*, was much appreciated by the Chinese community. In that letter they became thoroughly convinced with facts, with their respective dates and events, and it would be well also for the Canton "Self-Government Society" to peruse the same and act more wisely than they did at their recent meeting. They should look into the matter with a proper prism.—Yours truly, etc.,

PRUDENTIA.

RETRENCHMENT.

Suggestion for the Government.

Dealing with the draft estimates for 1910 the President of the Sanitary Board, at Tuesday's meeting, said he did not think that there was much in the estimates which required any further explanation than he had already given. Under the vote cooies, he now proposed to ask for a hundred cooies to be put on the permanent staff instead of the present 78. The vote, cooies and disinterment of dead bodies would now be taken over by the Public Works Department, and would no longer appear in the estimates. As to the question of lighting the Central Market, it was obvious a saving could be effected, and he suggested that a committee should be appointed to consider the feasibility of improving the lighting of the market and cheapening the rate. In addition to these changes he thought it would be advisable that the Government should undertake the slaughtering at Mat-tauai, which at present was let out to contract. At Kennedy Town the Government undertook the slaughtering. He would lay a memo before the Board next meeting giving the figures.

Mr. Shelton Hooper asked the reason for another disinfectant being used in place of Jeyes Fluid.

The President stated that it was cheaper, and it seemed to be of quite the same standard.

Discussion ensued and the President consented to place before the Board the reports and recommendations on which the Government had acted in adopting this new disinfectant.

Mr. Shelton Hooper said with regard to the question of the lighting of the market that he understood it was contemplated introducing the Kison light, but he thought that possibly the electric light could be improved at a reduced cost.

A committee was appointed to consider the lighting of the markets as follows:—The President, the Registrar-General and Mr. Hooper.

Mr. Shelton Hooper pointed out that it was proposed to recommend \$2,000 on the vote for hand-lights as the price had risen from \$43.50 to \$80 a thousand. He thought the figure rather high.

The President said that the cost last year was \$1,441.

Mr. Shelton Hooper was unable to see how so much was needed. There had been no plague this year, and assuming that we had plague at the same rate as last year it would not bring the amount up to \$2,000.

The Hon. Mr. Hewitt did not think the figures were too much.

The discussion then ended.

Mr. Shelton Hooper referring to personal emoluments said that they represented the salaries of all the staff of the Sanitary Department. He had nothing to find fault with in the salaries of the officers, but he thought it was a fitting occasion to call attention to the number of officers. The Sanitary Commission found, among many other things, that better results would be given if the salaries were under the control of one man, because at present a good deal of the work was done twice over. By proper systematising, the work could be done by a smaller number of men. The Commission recommended that the districts be increased to twelve, as experience had shown it was better to reduce the size of the districts. That would mean twelve districts in Victoria and two in Kowloon. With the growth of the population in Kowloon there would probably be another change. Now, when the Government was doing everything possible in the way of retrenchment he thought it was a good time to take advantage of the suggestion made by the Commission. The suggestions were made sufficiently long ago for the Government to have digested them, and he thought they could now view the suggestions more impartially and more favourably than at the time they were made, especially as retrenchment was now forced upon them. In these circumstances he suggested that the Board ask the Government to divide the city of Victoria into twelve districts instead of ten, and have one inspector in charge of each district, and the services of the superfluous inspectors disposed of as soon as practicable.

Hon. Mr. Hewitt seconded, and said that he had nothing to add to what had already been put in the report of the Commission.

The President asked if the resolution meant that there should be only twelve inspectors.

Mr. Shelton Hooper replied in the negative, and returned that the resolution would be a guide to the Government, who could give effect to it in any way they thought proper.

The President proposed and the Hon. Mr. Hewitt seconded, that the changes proposed in the draft estimates be approved. This was agreed to.

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FATAL ACCIDENT AT QUARRY BAY.

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Dr. C. M. Heanley gave evidence that the cause of death was the crushing of the skull, otherwise a fractured skull.

The evidence showed that deceased with others was bending a flange when the arm of the crane suddenly fell on him.

Mr. T. G. Worthy, foreman boiler-maker, described the crane and said the weight of the arm would probably be about 30 cwt. The bracket had been cracked and torn, or rarely tied up as the crane was not in use.

A verdict of accidental death was returned.

CHINESE FEMALE'S DEATH.

An inquiry was held before Mr. J. H. Kemp, at the Magistracy to-day, touching the death of a Chinese female who died on March 29.

Dr. Pearce gave evidence as to making a post mortem examination of the body and he found deceased had suffered from tuberculosis of the lungs and there were other diseases. The stomach contained food and a substance which was stated to be a drug taken by deceased. Death was due to tuberculosis and the state of the lungs so far as he could gather from his examination.

Mr. F. Brown, Government analyst, gave evidence as to examining the powder resembling coffee and stated it contained a 13th part of a grain of strychnine. The powder found in the stomach was identical with that in the packet.

A verdict of death in accordance with the medical testimony was returned, there being no suspicion of foul play.

SPORTING.

Lawn Tennis.

In connection with the Hongkong Cricket Club's lawn tennis tournament C. C. Hickling (over 30) yesterday defeated W. G. Worcester (over 30) in the final of the "B" Class Singles Handicap. The score was 6/1, 6/1, 6/3. Hickling played with power and confidence throughout and easily secured the victory.

To-morrow (Thursday) Carr and Beasley meet in the championship match.

Rifle Shooting.

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Boys' Own Club Sports.

The athletic meeting promoted under the auspices of the Boys' Own Club will take place on May 24th—Empire Day. It is hoped that the Race-course will be able to be utilised for the purpose. There are no less than 15 events on the card, including several open competitions. The entries close on May 15th.

Hongkong Volunteer Reserve Association.

The practice for the annual course which took place in connection with the above Association last week-end was attended with excellent results, 30 cards being turned in. We append the chief results:—

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Capt. Branch	58
Mr. G. H. Wakeman	57
Mr. A. Blower	56
Mr. R. Baker	54

Winner of Pool.

Military Singles Racquet Championship.

The final tie of the Military Singles Racquet Championship was played at Prince's Club, London, in March. A very interesting and splendidly contested match resulted in a victory for Captain A. Berger (Army Service Corps), who beat Mr. J. J. Astor (1st Life Guards) the holder, by three games to two. Mr. Astor's wonderful form against Mr. Tee in the semi-final led the majority of critics to imagine that he would have a fairly easy task in retaining his title, and the winner's victory certainly came as a surprise.

Cross-Country Running.

At Derby in March over a course about nine and a half miles in extent, and including a ploughed field of 150 yards, which had to be crossed three times, England gained their seventh annual victory in the International Cross-Country Championship, and also supplied, in A. E. Wood, of the Essex Beagles, the first man home. Wood's success was not easily gained, for he was closely pressed all the way by the French national champion, J. Bordin, of Marnes-la-Maisonne, who occasionally led the field, and was eventually beaten by three yards only after a desperate finish.

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ITEMS AT THE COURTS.

For attempting to pick a person's pocket a native was sentenced to three weeks' hard labour, by Mr. F. A. Hasland, at the Magistracy, to-day.

A fine of \$25 was imposed on a native at the Magistracy, to-day, for stealing a water pipe in Stanley Street. Sergeant Lanaghan prosecuted.

A native was sentenced to six months' hard labour and two whippings of twelve strokes each, by Mr. J. H. Kemp, at the Magistracy to-day, for snatching a gold earring from a woman in Queen's Road Central.

The master of the steam launch Kwong Nam was fined \$50 at the Marine Court, to-day, for aiding Chan Kwal to make fast to the s.s. Singan whilst underway. A similar penalty was imposed on the licensed boatman Chan Kwal for making fast to the ship.

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NOTES FROM THE WEST RIVER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Woke, April 20.

We have lately been experiencing, even more than is usually the case, how rapidly changes take place among the foreign residents of a Chinese treaty port. Mr. H. Harding has left the British Consulate for furlough and Mr. C. D. Smith now reigns in his stead as Acting-Consul. With the exception of the Commissioner, all the members of the indoor Customs staff are new arrivals. Dr. and Mrs. Hayes have gone to America, via England, but are expecting to return next year.

The weather has become warm at last. There has been an exceptionally long cool season. This has been very pleasant for the foreign population, but it was beginning to work havoc among the young rice plants. Several first sowings have been partially destroyed by the absence of sun and warmth.

There is a severe epidemic of measles in the town, but we have been remarkably free from more serious forms of infectious diseases lately. There has hardly been a case of plague or cholera now for two years. This is the more remarkable because of the entire absence of sanitary precautions among the native inhabitants.

NOTICE.

Communications relating to news should be addressed to THE EDITOR.

Correspondents must forward their names and addresses with any communications addressed to the Editor, not for publication but as evidence of good faith.

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General Memoranda.

FRIDAY, April 30:—

2.15 p.m.—Meeting of His Majesty's

Justices of the Peace at the Magistracy.

SATURDAY, May 1:—

9.15 p.m.—Y.M.C.A. Library Concert at

City Hall.

FRIDAY, May 7:—

12.30 p.m.—Meeting of Union Insurance

Society of Canton, Ltd., at Head Office.

12.45 p.m.—Meeting of China Traders'

Insurance Co., Ltd., at Head Office.

The China Mail

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 1909.

THE FUTURE OF MANCHURIA.

The principal questions which have

arisen between Japan and China in con-

nection with Manchuria are six in num-

ber, and Dr. Monnier, of *The Times*, ranges them in the following order:—

1.—The Fukuoka Railway, which in-

timately concerns British interests.

2.—The refusal of Japan to permit

China to extend the Northern Chinese

Railway into Mukden City.

3 and 4.—The question of the Fu-

shun and other collieries.

5.—The extension of a branch rail-

way into Newchwang.

6.—The question of Kan-to, which,

next to the Fukuoka Railway, is the

most important of all.

All these questions have been on the

taps since Baron Komura concluded the

agreement with China which followed

as the inevitable sequel to the treaty of

Portsmouth and to all intents and pur-

poses they seem no nearer solution to-

day than they were two years ago. The

courses of diplomacy are always slow,

but in the present instance they seem

positively interminable. The dispute

about Kan-to (or Chientsao as another

transliteration of the ideographs has it)

is, as Dr. Monnier points out, twofold—

a question of territory and a question of

jurisdiction. Japan claims that this

large territory in Manchuria, nearly as

large as an ordinary province, though

long occupied by China, is really Korean

territory, and was illegally occupied by

China. The Chinese claim that they

have indisputable evidence of right of

possession, and declare that their claim

was considered tenable by the recent

Japanese Minister, Baron HAYASHI.

Even if she were willing to recognise

China's sovereignty over this territory,

Japan claims a right of jurisdiction over

its Korean inhabitants, who outnumber

are making to whittle down to practical

nothingness even the little she did get.

We hear a good deal about the Japanese

invasion of Manchuria and how they

have closed the "open-door" to other

nations; but, as Mr. DANIEL WATKIN

tells us in the *Contemporary Review*, the

extent of Japanese influence is really

confined to the railway. "The wallings

springing up along the line shelter

people who live on it and by it. The

exceedingly poor Japanese inn is mak-

ing itself ubiquitous in proximity to the

large stations; the shops recommended

to the traveller are, if possible, Japanese

also. Of course, the entire community

is not large enough for the members to

live on each other—even in Mukden

there can hardly be 5,000—so they must

trade, or try to trade, with their Chinese

neighbours, and it is in this effort that

disaster has overtaken them. Possibly

had Japanese policy been in the hands

of wiser men it would have been a

greater success, but it is at the present

moment, and always has been, dictated

by the military at Port Arthur, in the

person of the General Commanding."

Japan tied China's hands very

effectually when she induced the Middle

Kingdom to sign the now notorious

Secret Convention of Peking, which

pledged the latter not to build any line

likely to compete with the South Man-

churia Railway so long as it is in Japan's

possession. Japan, it must be remem-

bered, succeeded to the rights Russia had

secured under the agreement of August,

1896, made by the Russo-Chinese Bank

on behalf of the Cie des Chemins de fer

Chinois de l'Est. Under the terms of

that agreement, China can purchase

the Chinese Eastern Railway in 35

years from the date of the agreement, or

it is to revert to China without com-

pensation in 75 years. China, how-

ever, secures in 15 years' time from

1905 the right to make lines in Man-

churia, such as the Fukuoka-Hsiamint

line—subject, however, to any clauses

prohibiting certain acts in the original

Russian agreement relative to the Chi-

nese Eastern Railway Company.

Manchuria, in the opinion of many

competent observers, is capable of be-

coming the granary of the north, and

the Russians of the Amur region have

long since turned their attention to

exploiting its riches. That they have

attained an enormous success is borne

out by many travellers. Mr. HAROLD G.

PARKER, British Vice-Consul at Ha-

kodate, stated in a recent Foreign Office

paper, that the outbreak of war gave

a tremendous impetus to the already

prosperous trade of the country. It was

to Manchuria that not only the Russian

troops (it is calculated that 85 per cent

of the provisions and fodder supplied

them were of local production), but

influence in Northern Manchuria if she

can be predominant in the Southern part

of the province, it looks as if China will

be ground between the upper and the

lower millstones and unless she makes

up her mind to agree quickly with

Japan, Mr. WATKIN's fear will be realised

—that Japan, tired out by China's pro-

crastination, will make a joint deal with

Russia regarding Manchuria on lines

acceptable to both, but objectionable to

every other Power.

N° 78 OF THE DAY.

"Fa" Ireland last year there emigrated

23,203—i.e., the fewest of any year since

1851.

The result of the Great Metropolitan

race is:—1 Laughing Mirror, 2 Impression,

3 Wedding Ring.

Lord Rosebery has sold to the British

Government Cremona Island in connection

with the extension of the naval base in the

Forth.

The French Dreadnought *Diderot* was

launched on April 21st, and the Condorcet

the following day. There are three others

on the stocks.

A telegram to an Australian exchange

says there are indications that Canada in-

tends to create defence fleets in both oceans,

and release the Motherland from all re-

sponsibility of defending her.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice

Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to

acknowledge with thanks the following

donation to the funds of the Hospitals:—

Fairall and Co. £25

Hon. A. W. Brewin 10

Dr. A. S. Gomes 10

Mr. Keir Hardie, M.P., speaking at a

meeting at South Norwood, said the La-

bour party considered that the colonial

officers of Dreadnoughts were an insult to

the greatness and majesty of the mother

country. He declared that there was no

foundation for a miserable scare.

The Canadian House of Commons,

amid cheers, unanimously accepted a gift

by Lord Strathcona, the High Commis-

sioner, of £50,000, for the encouragement

of physical and military training in public

schools in Canada. A sum of £2,000

annually will be devoted to this object.

Mr. W. Runciman, President of the

Board of Education, speaking at Colchester,

denounced the agitation regarding the

navy as an "artificially-inflated scare."

The British navy was impregnable. No

German Dreadnought was yet afloat, and

Germany had only two-fifths of our num-

ber of available sailors. The motto of the

Government in naval affairs was safety

without superfluity.

The annual general meeting of the

Incorporated Law Society of Hongkong

